



News, Events and Information

Pose with the Green Spot Logo and Win!

Get Green Columbus invites residents to participate in a contest for a chance to win a rain barrel. Participants are asked to submit a picture of themselves with a GreenSpot window decal. Decals can be found throughout the city at business locations that have made a commitment to go green through Mayor Michael B. Coleman's [GreenSpot](#) program. Residents can become GreenSpot members at home and have a decal mailed to them directly as well. Photo entries are asked to be emailed to columbusgreenspotinfo@columbus.gov by December 3rd. Entries will be uploaded to the Columbus GreenSpot Facebook page and a winner will be randomly selected from the pool of entries. The contest winner will be announced via [Facebook](#) on December 6th.

Crossing Signals to be Upgraded

Made possible through the DOE Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, the City of Columbus will begin upgrading crossing signals with energy efficient LED lights. The LED crossing signals will be installed at all 1,000 intersections with traffic lights in the city, including those that currently do not have crossing signals. Upon completion in the fall of 2012, the LED technology will provide energy savings of about 1,946,000 kilowatt-hours per year equaling a savings of over \$160,000 annually to the city's budget. This is enough energy to power 170 homes a year!

Byers Wind Turbine Visible from I-270

As you travel on I-270 near the Sawmill Road exit, it is impossible to miss the new addition to Columbus' skyline, a 150 foot tall wind turbine. This is the first commercial wind turbine erected within the City of Columbus. The energy generating device was installed by Byers Auto Group with the help of a \$200,000 grant from the Ohio Energy Office Advanced Energy Fund. Byers Auto Group estimates the turbine will generate 150,000 kWh of electricity per year.

Accolades

- The City of Columbus [Keep Columbus Beautiful](#) program has earned a national Keep America Beautiful first place Beautification Award for its Plant Pride On Parsons cleanup event on May 15, 2010. The cleanup drew 239 volunteers who collected 3.5 tons of litter, removed graffiti from 12 locations and planted flowers in 31 painted large flower pots placed permanently along Parsons Avenue between East Livingston Avenue and Marion Road.

- Mayor Michael B. Coleman was honored with a MORPC Energy & Air Quality Award at the [Summit on Sustainability & the Environment](#) for implementing a progressive green fleet policy.
- The City of Columbus was awarded an OEEF grant to expand the Green Spot program to children. A new website, book, and classroom activities will demonstrate real-life application of science content standards relating to sustainability.

Green Events & Activities

Get involved with sustainability in the City of Columbus and Central Ohio by visiting the MORPC Green Community Calendar [online](#).

- **MORPC Education Forum:** THIS Friday, November 5 at 10AM (111 Liberty Street). Hear resident and business success stories about making energy efficient upgrades, and gain practical knowledge to prepare your home or business for the winter season. Learn about the [GreenSpot](#) program and how to keep your commitment to a more energy efficient lifestyle.
- **Consider Biking Volunteer Meet-up:** November 9 at 6PM (4041 N. High Street). Learn about volunteering with Consider Biking! Several opportunities are available: Metro Parks Trail Volunteer; Advocacy; Trail Steward; Special Events: Blike Columbus 2012 Bike Events Planning; Donate Pro-Bono Professional Skills; Board of Directors

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Support **Get Green Columbus** by becoming a **GreenSpot** member today!

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